

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1969

Introduced by Assembly Members Chavez and Yee

February 9, 2006

An act to add Section 71038 to the Water Code, relating to municipal water districts.

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AB 1969, as introduced, Chavez. Municipal water districts.

The Municipal Water District Law of 1911 provides for the formation of municipal water districts and grants to those districts specified powers.

The Public Utilities Act requires the Public Utilities Commission to review and adopt a procurement plan and a renewable energy procurement plan for each electrical corporation pursuant to the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program. The program requires that a retail seller of electricity, including electrical corporations, community choice aggregators, and electric service providers, but not including local publicly owned electric utilities, purchase a specified minimum percentage of electricity generated by eligible renewable energy resources, as defined, in any given year as a specified percentage of total kilowatthours sold to retail end-use customers each calendar year (renewables portfolio standard).

This bill would amend that water district law to add a legislative finding and declaration regarding opportunities to increase energy production from renewable resources connected with the water delivery systems of municipal water districts, and would state the intent of the Legislature to establish a program to encourage municipal water districts to develop renewable energy resources to help retail sellers of electricity meet the state's renewables portfolio standard.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 71038 is added to the Water Code, to
2 read:
3 71038. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that this state
4 has promising opportunities to increase energy production from
5 renewable resources connected with the water delivery systems
6 of municipal water districts.
7 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a program to
8 encourage municipal water districts to develop renewable energy
9 resources to help retail sellers of electricity meet the state's
10 renewables portfolio standard in accordance with Article 16
11 (commencing with Section 399.11) of Chapter 2.3 of Part 1 of
12 Division 1 of the Public Utilities Code.